

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Group Art Unit: 2762

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicants : Christopher SPOONER et al..

**Rule 53(b) Continuation Appln. of**  
Appln. No.: 09/064,824

Filed : April 23, 1998

For : COMPUTER ARCHITECTURE USING  
SELF-MANIPULATING TREES

Atty. Dkt. : 32266-172291

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May 14, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

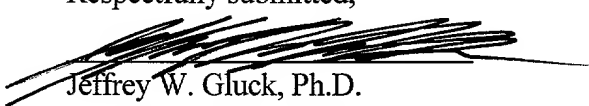
Prior to examination, please amend the application by inserting before the first line of the specification:

--This application is a continuation of S.N. 09/064,824 filed April 23, 1998--.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 21-24.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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